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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 RAJNINDER (RAVEN) JUTLA and IN
12 LOVE PROPERTIES LLC
(REGISTERED IN WASHINGTON),

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 REDFIN CORPORATION, a Delaware
16 Corporation,

17 Defendants.

No. 2:24-cv-0984 KJM AC

ORDER

18 Plaintiff, who is proceeding in pro se, has filed an application to proceed in forma
19 pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. ECF No. 2. The federal venue statute provides that a
20 civil action “may be brought in (1) a judicial district in which any defendant resides, if all
21 defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in which
22 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part
23 of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an
24 action may otherwise be brought as provided in this action, any judicial district in which any
25 defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. §
26 1391(b).


27 In this case, plaintiff asserts she is a citizen of Tracy, California and defendant is a citizen
28 of Seattle, Washington. ECF No. 1 at 6. However, plaintiff provided the court with a Vancouver,

1 Washington, address for herself. ECF No. 1 at 1. Plaintiff's complaint is premised on the sale of
2 a property located in Seattle, Washington. The complaint states that plaintiff "was coerced on
3 two sale attempts of the same home by the same agent . . . to offer the Buyer's Agent a
4 commission of 4.5% of a custom home in a desirable (sells itself) neighborhood in Seattle." ECF
5 No. 1 at 5. Both Vancouver and Seattle are located within the Western District of Washington.
6 The complaint also mentions the purchase of a home in Bay Point, California, which is in Contra
7 Costa County, within the Northern District of California.

8 Because defendant is in the Western District of Washington and the complaint is centered
9 on properties located and transactions occurring within the Western District of Washington,
10 plaintiff's claim should have been filed in the United States District Court for the Western District
11 of Washington. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the
12 wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918,
13 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

14 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
15 States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

16 DATED: April 4, 2024

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18 ALLISON CLAIRE
19 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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